

Minutes – Joint Meeting
Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID
July 10, 2008

Attendance: HBID Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson, Thaddeus Smith, Dan Chismire. Not Present: David Bolour, Jeff Hanlon, Nathan Korman. SVBID Committee Members Present: Darcy Judd, Chairperson; Richard Falzone, Fred Rosenthal. Not Present: Brent Gaulke. Liaisons: Senior Lead Officer Danny Pesqueira, Senior Lead Officer Maggie Furmanski, LAPD; Lieutenant, Suzan Young, Deputy Jerry Hankerson, LASD; Steve Seyler, Joe Salazar, Andrews International; Will Rivera, Larry Webster, LA City Attorney's Office; Guests: Tony Tomey; Terry Migliaccio, Hollywood and Highland; Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairpersons Darcy Judd and John Tronson at 10:11 A.M.
2. Public Comment: Tony Tomey, a street performer at Hollywood and Highland introduced himself to the Committee and informed them that he thought there needs to be a stricter regulation on street performers and street vendors.
3. Approval of Joint Security Committee Meeting Minutes:

It was moved by Dan Chismire, seconded by Thaddeus Smith and CARRIED to approve the minutes from May 8, 2009 and June 12, 2008 Joint Security Committee Meetings for the Hollywood Entertainment District BID Security Committee. Unanimously Approved.

It was moved by Fred Rosenthal, seconded by Richard Falzone and CARRIED to approve the minutes from November 8, 2007, February 14, 2008 and March 13, 2008 Joint Security Committee Meetings for the Sunset and Vine BID Security Committee. Unanimously approved.

4. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Seyler informed the committee that the officers are continuing to stay occupied in the area through various outlets. Recently a team of officers was called down to Selma Elementary to handle a situation there. In addition to this Seyler reported on the BID and Andrews involvement with PATH's Project YIMBY! Homeless Connect Day. Andrews was able to get in contact with two homeless individuals at the event who were later interviewed for possible positions with the company. Seyler says that assisting in outreach efforts in the community are toward the top of the BID security's agenda. In order to help organizations like PATH's H.E.R.O. team in their efforts, Seyler had composed a book of Hollywood's most chronic homeless

individuals. The book features close to 20 people who are currently residing on Hollywood streets and are often either seen or helped by Andrews International patrols on a regular basis.

In addition to this Seyler mentioned that the BID patrol is continuing to reach out to liquor stores in the area to prevent the further sale of single alcoholic beverages to individuals who may be showing signs of intoxication at the time of purchase. So far the effort appears to be successful as alcohol arrests for the year are down since 2007. Seyler encouraged the committee to contact him or the Andrews office if there are any concerns in the area.

B. Deployment Report:

- a) Report from LAPD: Officer Danny Pesqueira reported to the Committee that the Hollywood division is still currently number one in the city in violent crime reduction. After reviewing the most recent stats, Officer Pesqueira explained that the area, within a one week period, had only reported one aggravated assault, one burglary for motor vehicle and five grand theft autos. In addition to this, the area recently also hosted several after-parties for the BET Awards, and the LAPD reported no major incidents for the night.
- b) Report from LASD: Deputy Jerry Hankerson reported that the Sheriffs had recently worked with LAPD on a Juvenile Task Force. The two agencies were able to make four arrests and hand out 76 tickets to juveniles who were found either cutting school or breaking curfew. Deputy Hankerson also introduced to the group Lieutenant Young. The Lieutenant reported to the Committee that the Sheriffs are continuing to monitor the railways for incidents and individuals who may be riding without paying their fare.
- c) Report from L.A. City Attorney's Office: City Attorney Will Rivera briefed the committee on his experience at last month's Project YIMBY! Homeless Connect Day. Rivera was working at the Warrant Recall Table along with others who were able to help several individuals throughout the day. On another note, Rivera reported that he and City Attorney A.P. Diaz were working with business and community members in the area to try and centralize the "adopt a school" program. Rivera briefed the committee that he is still continuing to attend nightclub program meetings, as a lot of regulatory issues are beginning to be enforced. Lastly, Rivera reported that he is working with others to try and develop an emergency preparedness plan.

5. New Business

- A. Review Proposal to Add Bicycle Patrol Component to BID Security Team: John Tronson reminded the group of the discussion they had at last month's Committee meeting regarding possibly adding a Bike Patrol to the Andrews security team. Steve Seyler explained that the Andrews team would start with just a two man team on Bikes that would patrol the two BIDs. The cost for the patrol would be split on a 64/36 basis, with the Hollywood Entertainment District paying 64% of the cost and the Sunset and Vine BID paying the remaining 36%. Seyler says the costs for the initial start up including the equipment, bike, racks and etcetera should not cost more than \$2,500.

It was moved by Thaddeus Smith, seconded by Dan Chismire and CARRIED to approve the purchase of bicycle equipment to support a Andrews International Bike Patrol program for the two BIDs, with the costs not to exceed \$2,500 and shared on a proportionate 64/36 cost basis, (64% paid for by Hollywood Entertainment District and 36% paid for by Sunset and Vine BID). Unanimously approved.

- B. Amend Andrews Contract to Reduce Frequency of Weapons Qualification: Steve Seyler brought before the Committee a request to change the Andrews' officers qualifying schedule to once every other month, as opposed to the current schedule of once every month. Seyler informed the group that the Andrews qualifying range in Burbank has reported that the BID teams are meeting the required standards to pass on a monthly basis. Seyler would like to change the schedule to once every other month to allow the teams more time in the BID area, as opposed to driving to Burbank once a month to qualify.

It was moved by Thaddeus Smith, seconded by Darcy Judd and CARRIED to approve the proposed Contract Amendment to the Andrews International Contract between the Hollywood Entertainment District and Sunset and Vine BIDs to change the Andrews BID Patrol teams' weapons qualification from one time per month to every other month. Unanimously approved.

- C. CD Vendors at Hollywood and Highland Enforcement Options: Kerry Morrison shared with the Committee a story about a trip she had recently made to Hollywood and Highland to purchase something when she was bombarded by CD vendors. Morrison described the situation as she took a "free CD" from a vendor and was harassed for payment. Dan Chismire stated that the experience in the area spanning from Highland to Orange on the north side of the Boulevard "is terrible," and that it is a nuisance for not only Hollywood and Highland visitors and tourists, but employees as well. Mike Harkins, head of security for the center, has met with several of the repeat offenders and given them proper notice to not cross the

property line. Harkins says he would like to see a joint effort in the community to focus on solving this reoccurring problem. Will Rivera recommended the group re-explore their prior option of meeting with a First Amendment Attorney to see what steps could be taken to help mitigate the problem. Morrison also suggested possibly meeting with Eric Garcetti at the center and to have the Council President take a walking tour of the situation on a Saturday afternoon. The Committee agreed that both the First Amendment Attorney and Council President Garcetti options should be further explored.

6. Old Business

- A. Camera Issues: Morrison reported that due to some difficulty with getting the CRA to agree to allow a repeater to be installed on top of the ArcLight Parking Structure, the committee is now looking for a potential new location for another LAPD surveillance camera. Morrison was recently reached by a property owner who felt that a good location would be at the corner of Selma and Gower. Morrison informed the Committee that since this potential location would cover both BIDs the costs could be split between the two. Officer Paula Davidson stated that a camera at the location would be useful for LAPD. Officer Pesqueira did inform the board that there may be a problem with line of sight for the camera as there are several trees that line the Selma corridor. Morrison suggested that if the Committee would like, the HPOA staff could meet with a representative from Metro Video to visit the site and see if a camera at the location would be feasible before taking the motion before the two boards. The Committee agreed.
- B. August Meeting Changed: Morrison advised the Committee as several members may be on vacation in August, the Committee may want to table their August meeting for September and instead visit the Andrews Training Facility in Burbank during the month of August. The Committee agreed with the suggestion and asked that possible dates for the training facility visit be emailed to committee members to check availability.
- C. Hollywood PAL Dinner: Thaddeus Smith took a minute to invite everyone to attend the Fifth Annual PAL Benefit Dinner. The event will be taking place Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. at the Music Box Theater. The group will be honoring community members such as LAPD Captain Clay Farrell and BID Security Officer Leonard Sterling, among others. All are welcome to attend.

- 7. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. in Suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

8. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Chairpersons Darcy Judd and John Tronson at 11:35 A.M.